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I have followed this case fairly closely and I am still unable to determine just who was damaged! From the beginning it has appeared that Microsoft's competitors have used the courts to provide a competitive advantage for themselves. My earliest involvement with microcomputers was with an Imsi 8080 which I built from a kit back in 1977. The very best software available for that machine was Microsoft Basic. The name Microsoft has always provided me with quality products at what I considered very reasonable prices. In fact I believe that it was Microsoft's vision of Windows that enabled the microcomputer revolution in this country and the rest of the world. It was a point and click interface that could be made to run on just about any IBM generic computer. Apple had a similar (some may say superior) interface but it was only available on Apple's pricy equipment. Microsoft's hard work brought computing to the masses by putting Windows on the desktop. I am a happy consumer. I have always used Microsoft Internet Explorer and I have never been overcharged by Microsoft or damaged by using it. That's the point!! Who has been damaged? Microsoft's competitors? If that is the case will the Federal Courts go to bat for me when I have to bid against one of the Big Five accounting firms for auditing work? I doubt it and I would not expect it. This whole case appears to be another case of the state pigs feeding at the trough of private profits. It sickens me!